From: Eric Gleckler <egleckler10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:30 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: CPC ZC 21-00029 & CPC CP 21-00030

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Mr. Sexton,

I have received the letter of notice for the Application to the Zoning Department re. The Mark Dabling Cottages. I own and live in a condominium in Ravencrest across the railroad tracks, west of the site.

I have two concerns about the information that's been provided -

Drawing sheet A0 of the Application appears to indicate Mark Dabling Blvd being extended to Woodmen Road. Is this correct?

I haven't tried to digest the entire Traffic Study but one gaping hole I see in that study is that no attention was given to the intersection of Corporate Drive & Woodmen Rd. By my calculations there could be as many as 191 new dwelling units on this site at 15 DU/acre. The traffic study shows 54% of that traffic going north towards Corporate Dr. I would imagine the majority of those vehicles will want to go through the Woodmen & Corporate intersection, many wanting to continue east, meaning they have to make a fast cross over Corporate Dr. I drive south through Woodmen & Corporate 5 days a week and I will tell you that +/- 75 additional vehicles trying to go the other way from Mark Dabling to Woodmen

will create accidents in this area. I believe the applicant should be made to have the Traffic Study amended to more fully consider the movement of their additional traffic through the Intersection of Woodmen Rd & Corporate drive. As much as I hate to suggest the idea, I believe a traffic signal will be needed at Mark Dabling & Corporate.

Following up on my first concern; If there IS to be a connection of Mark Dabling Blvd. & Woodmen Rd. this should also have been considered in the traffic study.

Eric Gleckler

It's not about technology; it's about methodology.

From: Ashley Oldham <ashleyoldham513@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:36 AM **To:** Sexton, Daniel; Ashley Oldham

Subject: CPC ZC 21-00029 and CPC CP 21-0030

Attachments: CPC ZC21-00029.pdf

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Hello,

I live in the neighborhood this proposal is going. I would like to submit that I do not agree with this. I moved to the northwest to have all the wildlife and open space by my house. I do NOT agree with using this land to build on. There is not much open space for this. Development needs to take this proposal and move east! Where there is all the space needed for this.

Kind regards, Ashley Oldham Resident of Ravencrest

From: E D Van Doren
bvandoren01@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:35 PM **To:** Sexton, Daniel; Hester, Morgan

Cc: Jeanette

Subject: Land Use Notice - CPC ZC 21-00029 - Mark Dabling Cottages

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To: Daniel Sexton and Morgan Hester

We live at the eastern edge of the Golden Hills community in Rockrimmon, Colorado Springs. We received the subject land use notice from the Council of Neighbors and Organizations, NOT from the City. The postcard arrived at least a week later; not timely. We are concerned about this change of land use, and about the whole change process. Growth is inevitable, but the City shows a near-complete lack of consideration for the realities of geography, neighborhoods, roads, vegetation, and population, and safety.

— **Geography and Population**: Notification of only those living within 1,000 feet ignores the reality of adding population and traffic on the huge Rockrimmon area, which is most of the 80919 zip code. This area between I-25 and the foothills east-to-west, and between the Air Force Academy and South Rockrimmon Blvd north-to-south, is a two-sided box with only three exits. In 2010 there were more than 27K residents — 7% of the City's population, and 6% of its households. <u>Schools</u>: 4 Elementary, 1 Middle School, and multiple private preschools. Businesses: Many, including more than 10 hotels as of 2014, and the numbers are higher now.

Soil stability and mine subsidence are also issues that continue to cause expensive problems in this project's immediate area, in Golden Hills and across the entire NW city, for both existing homes and new builds. This should be considered in this project, too. The mines in this particular area are at 250ft to 350ft.

- **Fire Risk and Drought**: ALL of the 80919 area is classified as wildland, per our CS Fire Dept. We WILL have another wildfire; every fire professional knows this. We are in a decade of severe drought that's only getting worse. We have already had fires in or near the area of this notice from either carelessness or homeless camps.
- **Egress Points**: All the traffic goes through three funnels Woodmen at I-25, Rockrimmon Blvd at I-25, and Vindicator. The panic and danger of the Waldo Canyon evacuation are a matter of record, and it <u>will</u> happen again. We have multiple Assisted Living and Nursing facilities that add to the evacuation risk for all residents.
- **The Project Area**: This narrow area, right up against the railroad tracks, is not a good place for residences. Noise and pollution from the 29 trains per day traveling this track would make living there very difficult and hazardous. What family would want to live there next to the railroad tracks and bordered closely by a Blvd to the east?
- **City Codes**: It appears that City Codes have not been met for any development that would be built on this site:
- 7.5.501 The purposes of the concept plan review are:

- 1. To ensure use to use compatibility between the proposed land uses, zone district with the surrounding area;
- 2. To minimize potential hazardous, adverse or objectionable effects of the proposal;
- 7. To evaluate <u>existing and proposed road systems</u>, utilities, schools, parks and other public facilities <u>to determine if they are adequate</u> to serve the proposed project;
- **7.5.704** *Authorization and Findings:* The Planning Commission may approve and/or modify a conditional use application in whole or in part, with or without conditions, *only* if all three (3) of the following findings are made:
- A. Surrounding Neighborhood: <u>That the value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the conditional use are not substantially injured.</u>
- B. Intent Of Zoning Code: That the conditional use is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code to promote public health, safety and general welfare.

We assert that this proposed change does not adequately consider the negative safety impact on a community that contains a high concentration of the city's residents and businesses, and has both highly constrained access and excess wildland fire risk.

Impacted communities include Golden Hills, Raven Hills. Tamarron, Peregrine, Comstock, Eagle's Nest, Hunter's Point, Woodstone, Woodmen Valley, Discovery, Delmonico Townhomes, Oak Hills, Pinecliff, Thunderbird Estates, Raven Crest, North Face, South Face, and others. Again, ALL the residents of these areas have to go through the three aforementioned traffic funnels in any emergency.

We hope this information will be considered seriously as this proposed change is deliberated.

Thank you,

Edmond and Jeanette Van Doren

6565 Bull Hill Court

719-598-2992

From: KAREN Kitzky <KITZKY57@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:36 AM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: Proposed Development on Mark Dabline

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The map appears to show development right up to railroad tracks. That's an active railroad. I wonder how safe it will be to have homes that close. Looks like there's room to move the development closer to Mark Dabling. I live in Ravencrest close to North entrance off Rockrimmon. The train can be noisy enough to wake me up at 3:00 a.m. or whenever it comes through.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Erin Ferguson <erinwferguson@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:54 AM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: Mark Dabling Cottages

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Good Day -

I received a notification about the Mark Dabling Cottages as I own a home in Ravencrest.

My questions/concerns:

1. What will the price point of the homes be 2. Will they be attached townhomes or condos 3. What will the exteriors appear like 4. Approx how many units

Thank you!

Erin Ferguson 208.994.8837 erinwferguson@hotmail.com

From: Colleen Keller <colleenjk1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 12:34 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel; Colleen Keller

Subject: Fwd: New Community Planned Near Ravencrest

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From: Ravencrest < ravencrest@mygreencondo.net >

Date: Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 5:03 AM

Subject: New Community Planned Near Ravencrest

To: < colleenjk1953@gmail.com>



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Daniel Sexton daniel.sexton@coloradosprings.gov

Attachments

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Yeardley, CMCA, AMS Community Association Manager

Phone: 719-313-1355

Email: ravencrest@mygreencondo.net

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Update Profile

From: Michelle Johnston <mdateless@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:57 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: Mark Dabling zone change

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Good evening;

Although I do not receive a zone change letter (because I don't live the measly footage away from the proposed zone change plan) I wanted to share that I am opposed to the "cottages on Mark Dabling" ZONE change from industrial to multi family housing.

9:54





All Photos

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Mark Dabling Cottages 6550 and 6650 Mark Dabling Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Please see the back of this letter for a project location map.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

 This project proposes a change of zone for 12.78 acres of land from PIP-2/cr/SS/HS (Planned Industrial Park with Conditions of Record and Streamside and Hillside Overlays) to R-5/SS/HS (Multi-Family Residential with

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Thanks for counting my opposed position,

Michelle Johnston

From: STEVE HITTLE <slhittle@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:44 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel **Subject:** CPC ZC 21-00029

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As owner of Adventure Golf, 6550 Corporate Dr., I believe the proposed zone change for this property would be an improvement over its present Industrial use.

Steve Hittle

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To: Sexton, Daniel; Colleen Keller

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From: Baxter, Tamara

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:40 AM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: FW: Ridgeview shopping center at Stetson Hills and Powers

Dan,

Passing along.

I did reach out to Dave and told him to contact SWENT.

Tamara

Thank you,

Tamara Baxter, Senior Planner

Land Use Review Division - Planning and Community Development

30 South Nevada Ave, Suite 701 Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Email: Tamara.Baxter@coloradosprings.gov

Dept. Phone: (719) 385-5905

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Effective November 18, 2020 – Land Use Review Staff is working remotely and will be available via phone, email, or by appointment only.

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Weblinks: Pre-Application Meeting Request | Springs View/Map | Development Applications | Zoning Code | Parcel Info | PlanCOS

From: Dave Knight <ksipavers@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:38 AM

To: Metzker, Joel E < Joel. Metzker@coloradosprings.gov>

Cc: Hai MIng Lim <ming.lim@granite-eng.com>; Baxter, Tamara <Tamara.Baxter@coloradosprings.gov>; Rick Helmonds

<Helmondscommercial@outlook.com>

Subject: Ridgeview shopping center at Stetson Hills and Powers

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Hi Joel,

Tamara Baxter suggested I contact you about the Ridgeview shopping center project. We are hoping to eliminate or at least hard surface the parking islands to stop the flow of storm water into the ground which our engineer has stated that the water has become "perched" and the flows to the retaining wall which is failing. We have dye testing, monitoring wells installed and visual data supporting this effect. The storm water system is basically the curb and gutter system that feeds all the parking lot water to the storm drains. So any water that becomes perched drains to the wall. The wall is experiencing wall block deterioration such that the blocks are falling apart and crumbling where the water exits the wall face.

Let me know how to proceed, thanks Dave

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Dave Knight Knight Solutions Inc. 719-660-9746 ksipavers@gmail.com

From: Sent: To: Subject:	RICHARD FANNING <sdfan1@comcast.net> Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:13 PM Sexton, Daniel RE: Mark Dabling cottages</sdfan1@comcast.net>
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Morning Mr. Fanning,	
Development Departm project applications, as	terns and perspective. At this time, the City's Planning & Community ent has not made a decision of whether to recommend support or denial of the the project is still under review. Furthermore, the decision to approved or deny so City Planning staff is evaluating the proposal in accordance with the review Code.
If you'd like to discuss on hesitate to contact me.	certain aspects of the project or the applicable review criteria, please do not .
Thanks,	
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Daniel Sexton, A	AICP
Planning Supervisor	
Land Use Review Divi	sion

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From: RICHARD FANNING <sdfan1@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:05 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel < Daniel. Sexton@coloradosprings.gov>

Subject: RE: Mark Dabling cottages

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I really feel that someone needs to go to the property between 1am to 5am to hear the noise and feel the ground shake from the North to South bound coal trains. There has to be a better area for this project. You are not doing the people living there any favors.

Perhaps one	needs t	o talk to	John	Suthers	and	the	media	about	this	project	and	let
them express	their th	oughts o	on this	matter.								

..... Dick

On 05/12/2021 12:11 PM Sexton, Daniel <daniel.sexton@coloradosprings.gov> wrote:

I left you a message earlier today, but thought I'd follow-up with you via email as well. The City Planning & Community Development Department appreciates your comments and interest in the above referenced project. You comments will be provided to the applicant for a response and considered by City staff as the project review progresses. Please note, the recently issue public notice, which focuses on the upcoming neighborhood meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th, is the second public notice issued for this project. While a deadline for comments has been provided for each of the notices, public comments are accepted on a rolling bases. We establish comment deadlines in an effort to incorporate comments and questions into the overall project review.

If you have any questions you'd like to discuss, please do not hesitate to conta	ict me.
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Thanks,

Dan

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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:04 PM

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<aa75myers@gmail.com>

Date: 05/10/2021 12:50 PM

Subject: Fwd: Mark Dabling cottages

Original Message
From: RICHARD FANNING < sdfan1@comcast.net >

To: "goldenhills@nabrnetwork.com" <goldenhills@nabrnetwork.com>,
"GoldenHills@WarrenMgmt.com" <goldenhills@warrenmgmt.com>

Date: 05/10/2021 12:47 PM

Subject: Mark Dabling cottages

What is being done to discourage the development of these cottages? I noticed in the GHHA and Warren Management notes NOTHING IS MENTIONED. I see there is a meeting on the 12th of May. Will this meeting cover this topic? I also see there is a neighborhood meeting on May 19 at 6 pm.

I also noticed that our comments are needed on 19 May????? Lot of time to get those comments in.

I don't know if you realize that these "cottages" will hurt the value of homes in the Golden Hills area by \$40 to 50-70 thousand dollars or even more. But, Mr. Sexton doesn't want this to be a factor in the decision of this project.

WHY? Would he want it NOT to be factor in his neighborhood as well??

So, will this project be a major issue in the coming meeting of May 12? My take on this, the owner of the land can't do too much with the area. It is too small and restrictive to develop. It sits next to the train tracks and street. But he hit on this idea that will make him a lot of money.

Mr Sexton, the buyers/renters/planning board should go out to the property, sit in their cars from about 1am to about 6am. They should hear the noise and feel the ground shake caused by the trains. The trains will produce small ground "shakes" up to perhaps an earthquake effect of a 1-2 level. During the day the trains will slow down and reduce the shaking.

We are in the process of considering moving after living here for 40 years. I really don't want too. I think this project will bring problems of, crime, additional noise, trespassing problems and loss of property value. We need to speak up and defeat the location of this project.

From: elknight@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:11 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel

Subject: Mark Dabling cottages: CPC ZC 21-00029, CPC CP 21-00030

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Mr Sexton,

I am one of many extremely frustrated NW side-of-town homeowners who has battled with infill, increased traffic at our 3 egress chokepoints, and the continuing quest of developers to squeeze us in forevermore.

I hope to participate in the May 19th meeting, but whether I do or not, below please find some relevant points regarding this project:

About 5-6 years ago, Golden Hills challenged the construction of UCCS "student housing" (actually privately owned, not sanctioned by the University) on South Rockrimmon/Delmonico. We appealed/argued before City Council that adding another 544 vehicles to those vehicles from a recently built apartment complex near the same intersection would further cripple one of only three egress routes from the NW. We also appealed/argued that the student housing would be constructed on top of old mines. Not only did this basically fall on deaf ears, but additional multifamily housing (duplexes) have also been constructed near the very same intersection! Further, I'm sure you are familiar with the issue Mountain Shadows is fighting with respect to 2424 Garden of the Gods and the proposal to convert that former Verizon building/area into hundreds of apartments. The MS community has rallied nearly 1000 members and raised thousands of dollars to prevent this development from happening, but recent news regarding the case appear to be in favor of the developer. The jury is still out but it's not looking good for the homeowners.

Now this proposed Mark Dabling Cottages project.

- 1. Traffic egress from NW continues to bottleneck with only 3 routes to evacuate thousands of residents (upwards of 15,000...I don't remember the exact population). This project further exacerbates this problem.
- 2. Proximity to the railroad: has the project been cleared by the BNSF railroad? Perhaps the developer/project manager should go to the site from 1 6 AM...I can attest, those trains are loud and frequent, not to mention safety concerns.
- 3. The proposed site is once again above shallow underground mines. With all the shifting from the years of rail cars, who knows how stable the land really is?
- 4. Water. Water. Continuing to add more and more infill developments further exacerbates our problem of scarce water. What are we doing for future generations?

Recommendation: Do not change the current zoning.

Elaine Knight

From: bvandoren01 <bvandoren01@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 8:17 PM

To: Sexton, Daniel

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Dear Mr. Sexton,

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— **Geography and Population**: Adding population and traffic to this area adds significant risk to the citizens during an evacuation. The City is determined to ignore this risk, it seems, but any addition of housing to this area adds risk to a wildland fire evacuation.

The huge Rockrimmon area, between I-25 and the foothills east-to-west, and between the Air Force Academy and South Rockrimmon Blvd north-to-south, is a two-sided box with only <u>three</u> exits. ALL the traffic goes through three funnels — Woodmen at I-25, Rockrimmon Blvd at I-25, and Vindicator.

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- Water Shortages in the Continuing Drought: It is now predicted that most of the western US is entering, or is already in, a "mega-drought." Some predictions are that the entire west is in the worst drought in 1,200 years. The Southern Delivery System is thought of as the water source of the future that makes Southern Colorado's water future bright, but the water sources it depends on it may well not deliver in accordance with original assumptions. We are uphill from every western state, and our water compacts will be affected by this drought. The City is already adding thousands of housing units, every one needing water. We will not be a viable city if water is too precious. Water must be a primary concern in every development project.
- **Fire Risk and Drought**: ALL of the area is classified as wildland, per our CS Fire Dept. We WILL have another wildfire; every fire professional knows this. We are in a decade of severe drought that's only getting worse. We have already had fires in the area of this notice from either carelessness or homeless camps.
- The Project Area: It's a demonstrable fact that train noise in this narrow area, right up against the railroad tracks, will be significant. It is not a good place for residences. Noise and pollution from the 29 trains per day traveling this track would make living there very difficult, and hazardous. What family would want to live there next to the railroad tracks and bordered by a boulevard to the east with increasing traffic?

— **City Codes**: As I noted earlier, it appears that City Codes have not been met for any development that would be built on this site:

7.5.501 The purposes of the concept plan review are:

- 1. To ensure use to use compatibility between the proposed land uses, zone district with the surrounding area;
- 2. To minimize potential hazardous, adverse or objectionable effects of the proposal;
- 7. To evaluate <u>existing and proposed road systems</u>, utilities, schools, parks and other public facilities <u>to determine if they are adequate</u> to serve the proposed project;
- **7.5.704** *Authorization and Findings: The Planning Commission may approve and/or modify a conditional use application in whole or in part, with or without conditions, only if all three (3) of the following findings are made:*
- A. Surrounding Neighborhood: That the value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the conditional use are not substantially injured.
- B. Intent Of Zoning Code: That the conditional use is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code to promote public health, safety and general welfare.
 - C. Comprehensive Plan: That the conditional use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City.

As long as "Infill" remains the supreme dictate of our city, hasty, ill-advised building projects will be the norm, and in a decade or so, we will regret it.

Thank you,

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